

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL MEMORANDUM**

**SB 1497 – HB 2230**

February 26, 2014

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Broadens the ability of a medical examiner to obtain medical or hospital records relative to a case under investigation through a district attorney general. Extends the ability to obtain the records to medical investigators and coroners.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (013224):** Deletes all language after the enacting clause.

Defines “authorized post-mortem official” to include a medical examiner, medical investigator, coroner, or a deputy/assistant medical examiner or forensic pathologist under the control of a medical examiner.

Authorizes an authorized post-mortem official, investigating pursuant to a court order or an order of a district attorney general, to obtain upon written request medical and hospital records from licensed individuals under Title 63 and medical facilities licensed under title 68.

Authorizes an authorized post-mortem official, investigating pursuant to a court order or an order of a district attorney general, to obtain by judicial subpoena or court order all medical and hospital records from medical facilities licensed under title 33.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- According to the County Technical Assistance Service and the Municipal Technical Advisory Service, the proposed legislation will not significantly impact local governments.
- According to the District Attorneys General Conference, the proposed legislation will not significantly impact the State.

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**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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